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Continuation of No. 3: The proposed amendment alters the scope of the previously presented claims. In response to applicant's statement that the proposal would not necessitate further search, examiner respectfully points out that further consideration, search and/or rationale for rejection would be necessary to address the narrowed scope of the claim. Although examiner has commented in the final rejection that the previously presented claims did not exclude liquid fatty alcohol(s) with more than one hydroxyl group, that remark was made in response to applicant's arguments, rather than a suggestion for an amendment to make the claims allowable.

Continuation of No. 11: Applicants argue that the proposed amendment would render the pending obviousness rejections moot. As indicated above, the proposal will not be entered at this time.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GINA C. YU whose telephone number is (571)272-8605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, from 8:00AM until 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sharmila Landau can be reached on 571-272-0614. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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